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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S TRIP TO TEHRAN

1. WE HAVE LITTLE SOLID ON SWARAN SINGH'S VISIT TO TEHRAN THUS FAR. ON HIS RETURN TO DELHI JULY 22 HE SIDESTEPED REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ABOUT A DISCUSSION OF ARMS PURCHASES MADE BY IRAN. THE AGREEMENT BY IRAN "IN PRINCIPLE" TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPANSION OF THE MADRAS REFINERY IS THE ONLY SPECIFIC ACCOMPLISHMENT ANNOUNCED AFTER THE TALKS. THE IMPROVED ATMOSPHERE IN INDO-IRANIAN RELATIONS MAY BE FURTHER HELPED ALONG IF IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI VISITS INDIA NEXT WINTER AS IS NOW BEING ANTICIPATED.

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2. N.P. ALEXANDER, JOINT SECRETARY FOR WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA, IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR HE HAD NOT YET HAD A CHANCE TO SEE THE MEMORANDA OF CONVERSATION ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT (PARTICULARLY THE TALKS WITH THE SHAH WHICH HAD INCLUDED ONLY SWARAN SINGH AND THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR) AND COULD NOT COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE TRIP. HE SAID HE HAD LEARNED THAT, AS PART OF IRANIAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO INVEST IN AN EXPANSION OF THE MADRAS REFINERY, IRAN WOULD (CONTRARY TO ITS PREVIOUS POSITION) NOW AGREE TO INCREASE CRUDE SUPPLIES TO INDIA.
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